(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being initiated by the Government to enhance the production of oilseeds and their sustainability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The production of oilseeds during last three years was as under:-

Year	*Production (lakh tonnes)*
1988-89	180.3
1989-90	167.5
1990-91	191.0 (preliminary estimates).

(c) To increase oilseeds production in a given time frame, a mission approach has been adopted through the Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses. Programme have been taken up to tackle the problem from all angles i.e. development of production and processing technology, input support service is provided to the farmers through the implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP), which provides financial support on production and distribution of seeds, rhizobial culture, plant protecion chemicals and equipments improved farm implements, sprinkler sets and gypsum and pyrites distribution.

[Translation]

LPG to Uttar Pradesh

2351. SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of LPG being supplied in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the allotment of LPG to Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) The packed domestic and non-domestic (commercial & industrial) LPG supplied to the consumers in Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91 was around 234.6 TMT. Besides about 12.5 TMT LPG was supplied to bulk-consumers in Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91.

(b) to (d). The LPG demand of any particular State in the country is estimated on the basis of demand of existing customers in that State and the new customers likely to be enrolled in a particular year which depends on the estimated availability of LPG during the year.

Constitution of Joint Irrigation Board

2352. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to constitute a Joint Irrigation Board to augment irrigation facilities and to sort out problems arising between Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have held talks with the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). The National Water Policy states that the river basin be taken as a unit of development. In keeping with the policy, the Central Government favours setting up of Joint river basin Authorities for development of inter-State rivers. In type of Joint Authorities suggested are, however, required to come through the joint efforts of the State Governments and the Central Government. The issue of formation of Joint Control Board of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh came up for discussion in their bilateral meeting on 29.5.1991 at Bhopal. The concept was appreciated and the Uttar Pradesh Government agreed to react the proposal sent by Madhya Pradesh Government in this regard. In the meantime, it was decided to activate the existing Technical Committee.

[*English*]

Emission of Coal dust from Bokaro Thermal Power Station

2353. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Coalfields Limited in Kathara Area of Bihar has made any complaint against the emission of harmful coal dust from Bokaro Thermal Power Station (Damodary Vally Corporation);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Parity Between Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Commodities

2354. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to maintain parity between the prices of the agricultural and non-agricultural commodities;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have sought the view of the Planning Commission in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The Government had revised the terms of reference of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in 1980 to take into account the changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors. Accordingly, CACP take into account tne terms of trade, while formulating the recommendations on the price policy for major agricultural commodities.

LPG Agencies in Gujarat

2355. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are demands from Jamnagar district of Gujarat for allotment of more LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;